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DOGGR is issuing cease injection letters to several operators on the east side of Bakersfield/Kern Co. (where RB5 had particular concerns). See note I just sent to my staff about this below. I am going to Sacramento next Thurs to discuss ongoing progress with DOGGR, RB5, and SB.

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I just learned that DOGGR will be issuing letters soon to 8-10 operators in D4 telling them to cease injection into certain wells that are injecting into non-exempt zones. These are some of the “higher tier” injection wells – i.e., disposal wells injecting into non-HC zones that are fresh (less than 3000 ppm TDS). If operators do not cease within the specified timeframe (days/a week), the plan is for DOGGR to issue formal Orders. This will address about 90-100 Class IID wells, all of which are located on the east side of Bakersfield. These are not all of the “higher tier” wells, and DOGGR is expecting to issue more cease injection letters.

I wanted you to be aware of this development, but please keep this information confidential as the situation is quite dynamic.

Thanks

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